

## **Brief Summary of 2003 RRG Process and Role of RRG Platform Group**

In mid-2003 the RTO West Regional Representatives Group (RRG) began a new phase of discussions related to the development of an independent entity to manage the regional transmission system and improve related wholesale markets. These discussions began with wide-ranging consideration of current transmission problems and opportunities within the region (encompassing all or parts of Washington, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, British Columbia, and Alberta), as well as options for addressing them.

In late summer and fall 2003 task groups from the RRG focused on developing different option packages to address the region's transmission problems and opportunities. As this effort proceeded, however, many regional parties felt it would be preferable to work toward a single proposal that could gain broad regional support. To further this goal, the RRG formed a small task team (first designated as the "RRG Drafting Group" and later known as the "RRG Platform Group"). The Platform Group was asked to take into account all of the various perspectives, priorities, and concerns that regional parties had identified during the course of discussions since June 2003, and, working on behalf of the RRG as a whole, to develop the best proposal it could in view of these considerations.

The RRG encompasses interested parties from across the region, including transmission providers, power producers, end users, public power, environmental and other public interest organizations, and state, provincial, and tribal officials. The Platform Group was constituted to reflect the breadth of these interests, but Platform Group participants had to be willing to work collaboratively toward a solution designed to serve the region as a whole, rather than any particular perspective or interest group. The members of the Platform Group were: Susan Ackerman, Jim Baggs, Stefan Brown, Kurt Conger, Alan Davis, Wally Gibson, Steve Weiss, and Linc Wolverton. The following members of the RTO West coordinating team supported the work of the Platform Group: Sarah Dennison-Leonard, Chris Elliott, Bud Krogh, and Steve Walton.